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SUBJ: ENVIRONMENT AND POPULATION CONTROL IN INDIA:  
VISIT OF COUNSELOR ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CHAIRMAN  
RUSSELL PETERSON AND DR LEE TALBOT

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DRS PETERSON AND TALBOT HAD A HIGHLY  
SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO INDIA AND RECEIVED RED CARPET  
TREATMENT. DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI OFFICIALS AND  
SCIENTISTS ON ENERGY SOURCES, POLLUTION PROBLEMS,  
FORESTS, WILDLIFE, AND POPULATION CONTROL WERE THE  
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VISIT. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING DRS PETERSON'S AND TALBOT'S TWO-DAY VISIT  
TO DELHI, OFFICIAL CALLS WERE MADE ON: THE HONORABLE  
I. K. GUJRAL, MINISTRY FOR PLANNING; DR KARAN SINGH,  
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MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING; DR A. RAMACHANDRAN,

SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; DR B. D. NAG CHAUDHURI, VICE CHANCELLOR, JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY, CHAIRMAN OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE, AND ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE S&T SUBCOMMISSION; DR Y. NAYUDAMMA, DIRECTOR GENERAL, COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH; MR S. K. SETH, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FORESTS; MR A. CHANDRA SEKHAR, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING; MRS SARLA GREWAL, COMMISSIONER, FAMILY PLANNING; AND A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND COORDINATION.

2. DURING ALL OFFICIAL CALLS, DR PETERSON EXPLAINED THE OPERATION AND POLICIES OF COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (CEQ) AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AND OTHER US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES. THE INDIAN OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT THE OVERVIEW OF US EXPERIENCES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, AND ORGANIZATION OF US GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES WAS EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN DEVELOPING THEIR OWN PLANS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FRAMEWORK.

3. I.K. GUJRAL, STATE MINISTER OF PLANNING, POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS RENEWED INTEREST IN INDIA AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, FUNDS WERE EXTREMELY SHORT FOR THESE NEW INNOVATIONS. HE SAID THE PRIMARY NEED WAS FOR A UN FUND TO BE CREATED FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT R&D IN NEW ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES.

4. DR NAG CHAUDHURI EXPLAINED THAT THE DOST WAS THE KEY OPERATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO CARRY OUT ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL POLICIES. THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND COORDINATION (NCEPC) IS PRIMARILY AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DOST AND OTHER MINISTRIES THAT HAVE A CONCERN IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD.

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5. A NEW PURE WATER ACT WAS PASSED LAST YEAR AND AN AIR POLLUTION ACT IS BEING FRAMED. THE DOST IS PREPARING IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR CONTROL OF INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION, BUT THIS IS PRIMARILY THE CONCERN OF THE CENTRAL MINISTRIES AND STATE GOVERNMENTS.

6. THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, DR. KARAN SINGH, SAID THAT INDIA WAS SPENDING TWO-THIRDS

OF THEIR HEALTH BUDGET ON MALARIA CONTROL (ABOUT RS. 260 MILLION) AND LOSING THE ATTLE. THREE TIMES THIS AMOUNT IS NEEDED TO BUY ADEQUATE PESTICIDES FOR SPRAYING AND TO PRODUCE SUFFICIENT ANT- MALARIAL PILLS. HE IS INITIATING CRASH PROGRAMS IN MALARIA, FILARIASIS, LEPROSY, AND BLINDNESS PREVENTION. HOWEVER, HIS MAIN PROBLEM IS POPULATION CONTROL. THE POPULATION IS GROWING AT THE RATE OF ONE MILLION PER MONTH. HE THINKS HE HAS NOW CONVINCED THE PRIME MINISTER, PRESIDENT, AND PARLIAMENT OF THE URGENCY OF THE PROBLEM AND THAT BOLD NEW MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE BIRTHRATE. THE MINISTER HAS PUBLICLY MADE A COMMITMENT THAT THE BIRTHRATE WILL BE REDUCED FROM 35 THOUSAND TO 25 PER THOUSAND BY THE END OF THE SIXTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN IN 1984. HE WOULD LIKE TO HOLD THE POPULATION TO 850 MILLION BY 2000. TO MEET THESE GOALS, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT IS WORKING ON A PLAN OF INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES THAT WILL BE SENT TO THE PARLIAMENT SHORTLY. ALSO, HIS PLAN FOR THE TOTAL INTEGRATION OF FAMILY HEALTH AND NUTRITION DELIVERY IS MOVING AHEAD RAPIDLY. SUCH STATES AS PUNJAB AND HARYANA ARE SETTING AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER STATES AND LEADING THE WAY IN BIRTH CONTROL LEGISLATION AND HEALTH DELIVERY.

7. IN REGARD TO COMPULSORY STERILIZATION, HE FELT THIS WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IF THE FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM DID NOT ACHIEVE GREATER SUCCESS, BUT THIS WAS NOT NOW A GOVERNMENT POLICY. HE IS USING SCARE TACTICS IN HIS LATEST SPEECHES, AND NOW, HE BELIEVES, HAS THE GOI AND THE NATION FACING THE URGENCY OF THE PROBLEM. HE SAID THE PRESENT FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS WILL BE WATCHED CAREFULLY AND THEY WILL SEE WHAT THE 1981 CENSUS REVEALS, BEFORE MAKING ANY DRASTIC MOVES. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTER WAS HAPPY TO RECEIVE ALL OF THE RECENT PRESS COVERAGE IN THE WEST ABOUT COMPULSORY STERILIZATION, BUT SAID, AS USUAL, THIS WAS EMOTIONALLY OVERSTATED, AND THEY FORGOT TO ADD THAT THESE ARE ONLY IDEAS AT THE MOMENT. HE ALSO ADDED HE SAW VERY LITTLE EMOTIONALISM IN THE WESTERN PRESS ABOUT COMPULSORY STERILIZATION IN CHINA. HE FELT IT WAS A CASE OF YOU ARE DAMNED IF YOU DO AND DAMNED IF YOU DON'T.

8. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS ON DETAILS OF VISIT.  
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